

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 22, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Interview Summary

On August 31, 2005, a telephone interview was conducted between the Examiner and Chance Hardie. The *Mullick et al.* reference was discussed in view of the obviousness rejection. An agreement was reached that incorporation of a limitation substantially similar to the limitation in previous claim 35 to the independent claims along with an additional phrase that "the member is for converting rotational motion into translational motion" would make the claims allowable over the references considered. Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended herein in unity with this agreement.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 16-18 and 23-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mullick et al.* as (Provisional Application No. 2003/0167000) in view of *El Gazayerli* (U.S. Patent No. 6,159,146).

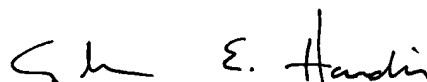
In response, Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the invention. As discussed with the Examiner in the interview summarized above, the references alone or in combination fail to teach, show or suggest each and every limitation of the claims. This failure precludes the references from rendering the claims obvious. Applicants submit that the independent claims and the claims dependent thereon are all allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

The references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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